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THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL OF THE UNITED STATES WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

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DATE: July 12, 1982

MATTER OF: Consolidated Services, Inc.

DIGEST:

Protest against any award under a solicitation is rendered academic by agency's subsequent cancellation of the solicitation.

Consolidated Services, Inc. protests against the award of any contract under request for proposals (RFP) No. F11602-82-R-0008, issued by Chanute Air Force Base for full food services. We dismiss the protest.

The RFP solicited offers for the required services for the month of June, with options for July and August. These services were originally solicited under invitation for bids (IFB) No. Fl1692-81-B-0046, which covered a period of one year. A separate protest filed by Consolidated against any award under that IFB is currently pending before this Office. Consolidated contends that the RFP is an improper attempt to "carve up" the work under the IFB and circumvent its protest. Consolidated also argues that the RFP is defective because it contains no bid bond requirement, and asserts that the Air Force is conducting an auction and forcing potential contractors to engage in a buy-in.

The Air Force advises us that the RFP in question was canceled on June 1, 1982. Cancellation of the solicitation renders Consolidated's protest academic, and we therefore will not consider the matter. See American Electronic Laboratories, Inc., B-199930, October 16, 1980, 80-2 CPD 289.

The protest is dismissed.

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